

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD March 8th, 2023

THOSE PRESENT– Dave Harris - Mayor

Brad Olson, Levi Johnson, and Leo Tarplee- Council (Bonnie absent)

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Jeremy Springer – DPW

Kathleen Johnson – Snowy Mountain Development

Luann Knutson & Butch Arthur – Guest

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – Move VII.f Fire Works for Community Center Grand Opening to after Claims & Minutes, V.b Snowy Mountain Development right after.
- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes: Leo made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 8th, Levi second and the vote passed 3-0. Brad made a motion to correct the error of 2022 on the January 2023 minutes, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - b. Claims: Discussion was had on the claims, claim 2502 in the amount of \$544.00 to Pioneer Plumbing was rejected, council approved up to \$300 when the new invoice is received. Levi made a motion to approve the March claims excluding 2502, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. Welcome visitors and public comment – no public comment.
- IV. **Communications**
 - a. No communications.
- V.
 - a. Pool
 - Jeremy reported that the posts are at Hedman's.
 - Barb received a CMF grant in the amount of \$1,028.00 to pay for the posts to get powder coated and for the new roll up door.
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee
 - Kathleen Johnson reported that the committee meets every other month and she recently attended a meeting.
 - The Snowy Mountain Development has a program going on that provides free training services geared towards businesses or a trade, for example: CDL license training, construction, etc. You can contact Snowy Mountain to get information regarding this program.
 - c. Sheriff
 - Absent – Nothing to Report
 - d. Fire Department
 - Absent – Nothing to report.
 - e. Public Works

- There was a leak in the main water line near the community center, it was very old and in poor condition. A new hydrant and valve was installed – no bill has been received for this work yet.
 - There is an unlocated leak in town somewhere, going through an extra 6,000-8,000 gallons a day – Jeremy is going to work on locating this.
 - New rubber edge is on the plow and working well.
 - Hill Top and PCCC have been added to the sampling list.
 - Jeremy will be attending water conference March 21st – 24th, Ralph will fill in while he's away.
 - Starting 04/11/2023 DOT will have monthly zoom meetings regarding the highway project, the town is invited to attend.
 - Stephanie has expressed that contractors are seeming very booked for 2023 in regards to the sewer project.
- f. Clerk – Savannah Moore
- The council received the revenue to actual budget report, expenditure to actual budget report, and cash reports in their packets.
 - Olson's Grocery has not purchased their 2023 liquor license.
 - The ending checking account balance for February was: \$189,101.94 (that does include a lot of grant money that will be going out for projects.)
- g. Council:
- Bonnie:
 - Absent.
 - Brad:
 - Spay Montana, a non – profit organization that focuses on spaying and neutering cats for free, spayed & neutered over 20 cats at Winnett Tire, as well as a few community members that brought their cats in. This vet is willing to come do work in our community again, you can go online to their website to request services.
 - Levi:
 - Asked if the town is currently trapping cats, Jeremy said no, until the policy is in place, no trapping will take place.
 - Asked Jeremy if he has had mosquito training. Jeremy reported that he got licensed last year and is working on having the fogger ready.
 - Leo:
 - Nothing to report.
- h. Mayor – Dave Harris
- Dave did the employee evaluations for both Savannah and Jeremy. These are available for the council to review upon request in the office. Both reviews went well.

VI. Old Business

- a. Capital Improvement Plan

- Nothing to report.
- b. Park (by the pool) playground equipment
 - All equipment is in, just waiting for better weather to start this project.
- c. Town of Winnett Appointee for Conservation District Board
 - Discussion was had about this position and the council asked if Butch Arthur would be interested, he said yes.
 - Brad made a motion to appoint Butch Arthur to the Urban Supervisor Position on the Conservation District Board, Levi second and the vote past 3-0.
- d. Commercial Lot Hook Ups
 - The town has not received guidance from the attorney at this time and new information needs to be reviewed. No decisions are made at this time and it will be postponed to the next meeting. For future agendas this will be titled Water Main Easement.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - The paper work for the town's easement to access Evert Brady's is completed, Levi made a motion to approve the easement as presented, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - Brad made a motion to have the town's attorney also provide the language and paper work for Evert's easement through the town's property, Leo second and vote passed 3-0.
 - Evert Brady signed the sludge paperwork and that has been submitted to Stephanie.
- b. Stahly Engineering
 - Nothing to report.
- c. MDT
 - New updates covered in Director of Public Works report.
- d. Live Trapping Pet Policy
 - Discussion was had.
 - Leo made a motion to table this topic until the April meeting, Brad second and the vote passed 3-0.
- e. Resolutions 2023-01 and 2023-02 (Joining MMIA Health Insurance Benefits)
 - Discussion was had.
 - Levi made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-01, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - Brad made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-02, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.
- f. Fire Works for Community Center Grand Opening (presented after claims, per agenda revision)
 - Luann Knutson has gotten permission from the fire chief, Tye Lund to do fireworks during the grand opening of the PCCC.
 - She presented a copy of the insurance for the PCCC.
 - Discussion was had.


- Leo made a motion to allow fire works for up to 2 hours after dark on April 29th for the grand opening, Levi second and the vote passed 3-0.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

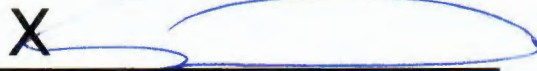
- a. Change Commercial Lot Hook Ups to Water Main Easement for future agendas.

IX. Adjourn Meeting 5:45 PM

- a. Brad made a motion to adjourn at 5:45, discussion was had, Levi second and the vote passed 3-0.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

- #2500 Mid-Rivers Communications: \$208.56
- #2501 Mid-Rivers Communications: \$56.06
- #2502 Pioneer Plumbing: \$544.00 Rejected. Up to \$300.00 approved upon new invoice
- #2503 Fisher's Technology: \$33.90
- #2504 Hawkins, Inc: \$321.53
- #2505 DEQ: \$850.00
- #2506 Fergus Electric Coop, INC: \$1722.02
- #2507 Hedman, Inc: \$1,115.40
- #2508 Winnett Volunteer Fire Department: \$222.00
- #2509 Rural Development: \$845.00
- #2510 Energy Laboratories, Inc Dept.: \$1,546.00
- #2511 (February Accounting) First Bank of Montana: \$2.00
- #2512 City Service Valcon: \$19.04
- #2513 NAPA Fergus Auto Parts: \$24.87
- #2514 First National Bank of Omaha: \$300.48
- #2515 John Deere Financial: \$421.10